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Go Wild at Lava Beds & Tule Lake!: National Park Week is April 19-27

TULELAKE, California— Everyone is encouraged to visit their local national parks in the Tulelake Basin!

The National Park Service invites everyone to get to know their national parks during National Park Week! This year's dates are April 19 – 27, with free admission to all national parks Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20.

Looking for something fun and fantastic to do with family and friends? Head out to America's national parks where millions of stars light up the dark night sky, deer and antelope (and a few other critters!) play on the wide open range, and history is an unbelievable experience, not just a class lecture.

Lava Beds National Monument is a great place to experience the “wild” side of our national parks. With over 28,000 acres of designated wilderness there is so much to see and explore above ground in the high desert and below ground in the lava tube caves! History comes alive at the Tule Lake Unit. The only way to truly feel the injustice of the incarceration of the over 29,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated and to grasp the changed landscape is to visit the site itself.

Also, don't forget to check out www.nationalparkweek.org. There you can share your national park photos, videos, and tips. While you're there, learn all about the ways you can help support your national parks all year round.

Get to know one of your national parks during National Park Week, and go wild... for history... for nature... for wildlife... for fun!

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you! For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe.

The Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, established in 2008, is a nationally significant site dedicated to telling the story of the cost of war on the home front and the lasting effects of the unjust incarceration of over 29,000 US citizens and long-term residents of Japanese ancestry at the Tule Lake Segregation Center. For more information about visiting the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email tule_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/tule.

More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 401 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.

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